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For: **surface shape recognition sensor and
method of manufacturing the same**

Art Group: 2858

Examiner: John Teresinski

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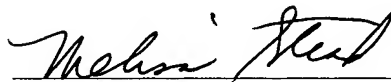
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